

ACCUSATIONS/ STATEMENTS OF ISSUES

July 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001

(Amended 1-17-02)

Statement of Issues, July 12, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-054

In November of 2000, Respondent's request for a paramedic license was denied because Respondent (1) was convicted in September of 1993 of robbery with the use of a shotgun; (2) failed to disclose on his November 1996 EMT application with a local EMS agency that he had been convicted of a crime; and (3) failed to disclose on his June 1997 national registry application that he had been convicted of a felony.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation, August 1, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-130

For ten years, Respondent repeatedly failed to disclose multiple misdemeanor criminal convictions on both his local and state paramedic applications.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(1)- Fraud in the Procurement of any Certificate or License; 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation, August 23, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-083

Respondent was convicted of battery against a spouse. He failed to disclose this conviction on his paramedic renewal application submitted to the EMS Authority and on his accreditation application submitted to the local EMS agency.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(1)- Fraud in the Procurement of any Certificate or License; 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation and Second Petition to Terminate Probation, August 27, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-052

Respondent is currently on probation with the EMS Authority after committing an act of gross negligence. Respondent failed to comply with various conditions of probation, and, while on probation, failed to recognize that a patient was choking and to take proper steps to clear the patient's airway.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(4)- Incompetence; 1798.200(c)(7)- Violating or Attempting to Violate Statutes and Regulations; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

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Accusation, August 29, 2001, EMSA Case No. 01-019

Respondent had two misdemeanor convictions in ten years for "driving while under the influence (DUI)," and he recently failed a random drug test by testing positive for cocaine. Furthermore, he failed to disclose his prior DUI conviction on one of his paramedic applications submitted to the EMS Authority.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime; 1798.200(c)(8)- Violating or Attempting to Violate Laws Regulating Narcotics, Dangerous Drugs, or Controlled Substances; and 1798.200(c)(9)- Addiction to or Misuse of Alcohol, Narcotics, Dangerous Drugs, or Controlled Substances.

Statement of Issues, August 30, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-086

In October of 2000, Respondent's request for a paramedic license was denied because Respondent (1) was convicted in June of 1997 of burglary, use of another's credit card without authorization, acquiring access cards using different names, and fraudulent use of an access card, all felonies; (2) failed to disclose on his April 1998 EMT application with a local EMS agency that he had been convicted of a crime; and (3) failed to disclose on his May 2000 EMS Authority application that he had been convicted of multiple felonies, but instead claimed that he was only convicted of a misdemeanor.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(1)- Fraud in the Procurement of any Certificate or License; 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation, September 5, 2001, EMSA Case No. 99-040

Respondent was grossly negligent and/or committed repeated negligent acts by (1) failing to properly assess, treat, document, and transport a patient that was severely beaten; (2) failing to properly assess and treat an unconscious patient; (3) failing to properly assess, treat, and document a fractured femur on a pediatric patient; and (4) failing to properly treat a diabetic patient.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(2)- Gross Negligence; 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(4)- Incompetence; 1798.200(c)(7)- Violating or Attempting to Violate Statutes and Regulations; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

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Accusation, September 5, 2001, EMSA Case No. 99-041

Respondent was grossly negligent and/or committed repeated negligent acts by (1) failing to properly assess, treat, document, and transport a patient that was severely beaten; (2) failing to administer the correct dose of a medication to a heart attack patient; (3) failing to properly assess and document a trauma patient who fell through a roof; (4) failing to immobilize the spine of a patient with head injuries and thereafter failing to recognize that the patient was pulse less and the heart rhythm was asystole; and (5) failing to properly assess, document, and transport a patient that had attempted suicide.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(2)- Gross Negligence; 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(4)- Incompetence; 1798.200(c)(7)- Violating or Attempting to Violate Statutes and Regulations; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

Accusation, September 10, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-010

Respondent committed repeated negligent acts and/or is incompetent by (1) failing to follow a local protocol and then failing to reassess a patient's breathing following the administration of a breathing treatment; (2) allowing a patient that was weak, dizzy, short of breath, and with very low blood pressure to get out of bed unassisted; (3) failing to adequately relay a patient's condition to the base hospital and then failing to reassess a patient following the administration of a breathing treatment; (4) failing to properly assess a pediatric patient and then failing to determine the proper medication dosage; (5) failing to properly interpret simple EKG rhythms during a testing scenario; (6) failing to properly assess and treat a patient with signs of internal bleeding and shock; and (7) failing to properly administer an IV drug resulting in the patient going into respiratory arrest.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(4)- Incompetence; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

Accusation, September 18, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-027

Respondent committed repeated negligent acts and/or is incompetent by (1) mishandling a child seizure patient; and (2) not intubating a cardiac arrest patient and not following protocols.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(4)- Incompetence; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

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Accusation, September 18, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-062

Respondent committed repeated negligent acts and operated outside the supervision of medical control by failing to properly assess, document, and/or treat a diabetic patient on two separate occasions. Respondent committed fraudulent, dishonest, and corrupt acts by falsely stating that only the Respondent provided ALS care when in fact such ALS care was provided by two different EMT partners who were operating outside their scope of practice.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(3)- Repeated Negligent Acts; 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; 1798.200(c)(7)- Violating or Attempting to Violate Statutes and Regulations; and 1798.200(c)(10)- Outside the Supervision of Medical Control.

Accusation, September 18, 2001, EMSA Case No. 01-109

Respondent was convicted of felony insurance fraud and had a previous conviction for disorderly conduct.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation, September 18, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-041

Respondent had a misdemeanor conviction in 1999 for "driving while under the influence (DUI)." He failed to disclose this DUI conviction on his paramedic renewal application submitted to the EMS Authority and on his accreditation renewal application submitted to the local EMS agency.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(1)- Fraud in the Procurement of any Certificate or License; 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

Accusation, September 18, 2001, EMSA Case No. 00-077

Respondent was convicted of felony wiretapping of his former girlfriend's telephone.

Licensure action being taken pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1798.200(c)(5)- Fraudulent, Dishonest, or Corrupt Act; and 1798.200(c)(6)- Conviction of a Crime.

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An Accusation is a charging document that alleges violation(s) of Division 2.5 of the Health & Safety Code. The Respondent must admit the allegation(s) by way of a settlement, choose not to contest the allegation(s), or the EMS Authority must prove the allegation(s) at a contested hearing before the alleged acts are deemed to have occurred.

A Statement of Issues is an appeal by an individual who was denied a paramedic license by the EMS Authority, and is handled similar to an Accusation.

The Accusation and Statement of Issues are public documents and are available for a minimal cost by calling the EMS Authority's Enforcement Unit at telephone number (916) 322-4336.